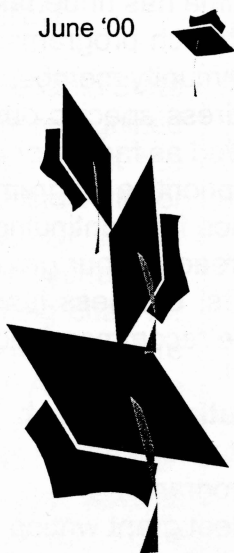


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Cupp to speak at Convocation

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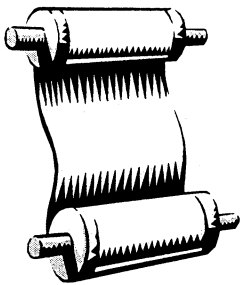
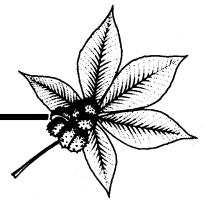
State Senator Robert R. Cupp will be the speaker for The Ohio State University at Lima's convocation ceremony to be held Sunday, June 4. Cupp was first elected to the Ohio Senate in 1984, and re-elected in 1988, 1992, and 1996. He represents all of Allen, Champaign, Darke, Mercer and Shelby counties, and most of Auglaize and part of Miami counties. Appointed by the President of the Senate in the 117th General Assembly in 1987 to chair the Gillmor Commission on School Funding, Cupp recommended ways to improve the way Ohio funds its schools. During the 118th General Assembly, he served as Chairman of the Joint House-Senate Select Committee to study Ohio's School Foundation Program and the Distribution of State Funds to School Districts, which produced a 13-point, comprehensive plan to improve the fairness of school funding in Ohio.

Cupp graduated from Ohio Northern University with a B.A. degree in political science. He received his law degree from Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law in 1976. He served as city prosecutor and assistant law director for the City of Lima and was elected Allen County Commissioner where he served as President for three of his four years in term. He was instrumental in creating one of the state's first county economic development departments, as well as creating an award-winning, innovative economic development program. He is co-author of the book *[Legal] Ethics and Discipline in Ohio*, published by the Ohio State Bar Foundation.

Campus Campaign surpasses last year's total

Congratulations go to all faculty and staff members who participated in the Campus Campaign 2000! At last count, Ohio State Lima had 62.5 percent participation, which is about 1.5 percent above last year's count. And it's not too late to turn in your gift to the campaign. Gifts may be designated to the fund of your choice. A listing of funds is available in the Office of External Relations, PS 210.

The Campus Campaign provides an opportunity for faculty and staff to participate in Ohio's fundraising effort. Contributing to the effort demonstrates our endorsement of the University to our colleagues as well as to our alumni, friends, corporations and foundations. Always a leader in setting the giving pace for regional campuses and college departments, Ohio State Lima continually ranks as a leader in the campus campaign. Thanks to all who have participated!



Ohio State Lima inching closer to four-year Business Degree program

The Ohio State University at Lima is inching closer to the addition of the much-anticipated four-year degree program in business to its list of academic offerings. The Fisher College of Business faculty recently voted to endorse a bachelor's degree in business administration designed especially for regional campuses. The vote clears the way for final University approval of the program by the Council of Academic Affairs, which may vote on the program as early as July.

The new degree program, along with the use of distance education, will allow students at each of Ohio State's regional campuses to earn a fully accredited Ohio State University business degree entirely on the regional campus. Plans are to have the new major in place for students to begin classes in Autumn quarter 2000. The degree is designed for people who are employed in the communities served by the regional campus and who wish to complete the degree as part-time students.

A needs assessment conducted in 1995 by national market firm Tripp Umbach identified a business degree program as the major unmet need in all four of the regions served by Ohio State regional campuses. The Boards of Trustees of the regional campuses have strongly urged the University to make this degree possible.

Outreach Programs are prioritized

Ohio State Lima has undertaken an initiative to prioritize its outreach programs. Focus groups comprised of community members were recently established to address specific outreach issues. Cathy Eldridge served as facilitator in a study designed to validate and prioritize programs, and to examine the need for space for Continuing Education and Educational Outreach. Four groups: faculty/staff, education leaders, business leaders, and community leaders made recommendations that included:

Education Outreach

- Stay focused on specific, unique programs,
- Meet grant writing and evaluation needs,
- Pursue expansion into secondary education, especially for science and mathematics and professional development.

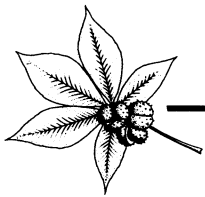
Continuing Education

- Find a niche for business education and personal development and develop it as a specialty,
- Develop substance abuse training programs,
- Enhance communication skill training as well as the supervisory, middle management, and leadership programs.

Copies of the study are available through the Dean/Director and Director of External Relations.

U.S. Representative J.C. Watts of Oklahoma to address graduates

COLUMBUS -- More than 4,700 graduates and 35,000 guests are expected to attend spring commencement on the Oval on June 9. The commencement speaker will be U.S. Representative J.C. Watts Jr., R-Oklahoma. As a Congressman, Watts is known throughout the nation as a proponent for balancing the budget, providing tax relief, protecting Social Security, sending education dollars and decisions back to local schools, and in strengthening the nation's defense. He has been commended for his efforts in Congress with numerous community awards, including the 1996 Junior Chamber of Commerce's Ten Outstanding Young Americans Award, the Jefferson Award for promoting economic prosperity and free enterprise and the Christian Coalition's Friend of the Family Award.



Ohio State Lima honors faculty/ staff

Faculty and staff of The Ohio State University at Lima were recognized for their years of service at the annual Recognition Awards/Dinner Theatre held May 19. Dr. Roger Page, Professor of Psychology, was presented a rocking chair for 25 years of service to the University. Tim Hahn, Automotive Mechanic, also received recognition for 20 years of service. Recipients of the 15-year awards were Nan Arbuckle, Mike Cunningham, Donna Lamb, and Liliane Wiswell. Ten-year recipients were Glair Roach and James Werchan, and five-year recipients included Deb Burks, Kamesh Casukhela, and Connie Moor.

The award for Excellence in Support Services was presented to Duran Glenn, Custodial Worker. Glenn was honored for his dedication and service to the University with a plaque and monetary gift. Other Excellence in Support Services nominees included Cathy Eley, Lori Schleeter, Jen Sutherland, and Deb Vobbe. Congratulations to all award winner and nominees!

External Relations releases Development Priorities

The Office of External Relations recently completed a survey in which faculty and staff members were asked to help prioritize development projects for the upcoming year. Campus needs were identified and activities will be planned accordingly. A memo was sent out to all faculty and staff asking them to comprise a "wish list" of items that would require additional funding, such as equipment, new programs, specific scholarships, etc. The items were posted and each faculty and staff member was given the opportunity to vote for their top four choices. The top priorities are listed below:

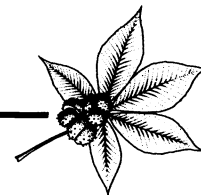
1. Scholarship
2. Improvement of recreational areas and equipment
 - Indoor track
 - Improvements to outdoor recreation area
 - Improved equipment, both indoor and outdoor
3. Space for Continuing Education and training
4. Four-year business degree
5. Reed Hall renovations
 - Theatre
 - Art Gallery
 - Remodel Room 160
6. Galvin Hall renovations
 - Conference rooms
 - Improved classrooms
 - Technology.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the study! Consideration will be given to the top priority items as development officers continue to solicit funds from the community. If you know of a potential donor(s) that should be contacted, please complete the donor prospect form and return it to the Office of External Relations, PS 210.

Ohio State Lima hosts International Mathematics Conference

The Ohio State University at Lima received worldwide attention as the Department of Mathematics hosted its First Annual Ohio State Lima International Conference in Mathematics on May 22. The theme for the seminar was "Rings, Modules & Applications." Presentations were made from professors as far away as China and South Korea, and included a presentation on "The weights of a pseudo-finite dimensional representation" from Ohio State Lima's Ivo Herzog. Dr. Mohamed Yousif chaired the conference.





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PUBLICATIONS

Joe Brandesky, Associate Professor, Theatre

*"Spectacular St. Petersburg: 100 Years of Russian Theatre Design," *CD-Rom Catalog for Columbus Museum of Art*. Served as contributing editor and conceptual designer for catalog, December 1999.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Joe Brandesky, Associate Professor, Theatre

*"Spectacular St. Petersburg," to the McNay Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX (February 26, 2000).

Steve Higgins, Coordinator of Math & Writing Center

*"Extending the Reach: Providing Access in the Rural Community College Context," to the American Association of Community Colleges, Miami Beach, FL (April 27, 1998).

GRANTS OR AWARDS

Lynn Sametz, Education Outreach Coordinator

*Awarded a \$46,696 grant from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund titled, "Inquiry, Scientists and the Environment," to provide hands-on environmental education for students in grades 5 and 6.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Joe Brandesky, Associate Professor, Theatre

*Directed *Dear Liar*, in Lima, Ohio, on February 11-13, and 18-20, 2000.

*Chaired panel titled "The Ethics of Ethnicity," a Comparative Drama Conference in Columbus, Ohio on April 28, 2000.

*Attended conference called the 2000 Barnett Arts and Public Policy, and specifically a symposium titled, "Going Global – Negotiating the Maze of Cultural Interactions," in Columbus, Ohio on May 5-6, 2000.

Hospitality Job Readiness 2000 Workshop

The pilot program for the Hospitality Job Readiness 2000 workshop was conducted at Lima Senior High School on May 8 through May 11, 2000. The Hospitality Job Readiness 2000 workshop was developed by the Hospitality Management Program and administered by the Office of Continuing Education. The workshop curriculum is designed to teach high school sophomores how to prepare for a job search. The skill development program included preparing a personal Student Information Sheet, properly filling out an employment application, interview training, employer performance expectations and the first day on the job. 171 students attended the two-hour workshop, and 60 percent of them indicated that they would be seeking a job for the summer.

Due to the success of the pilot Hospitality Job Readiness 2000 workshop, the Office of Continuing Education plans to make the program available to high school sophomores throughout our region in Spring 2001.

New and Improved Buckeye

The Buckeye and the Faculty and Staff Newsletter have joined forces! The Buckeye will now feature Faculty and Staff Newsletter submissions, so don't forget to get yours in! The Buckeye will be published at the beginning of each month. Submissions are welcome!

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